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TAGS: SHUM, WZ  
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: DRAFT SWAZILAND ACTION PLAN

REF: STATE 145350

1. EMBASSY CONSIDERS DRAFT ACTION PLAN (REFTEL) EXCELLENT.
2. RE PARA A.2, DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT KING'S MARCH 1977 ANNOUNCEMENT DID NOT SPELL OUT DETAILS OF "NEW SYSTEM FOR SELECTING POPULAR REPRESENTATIVES." IF "PLANS" COULD BE MISINTERPRETED TO MEAN "DETAILED PLANS," DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REWORD ALONG LINES THAT KING "ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH" AND SO FORTH.

B. RE PARA A.3(B), CORRUPTION IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY SIGNIFICANT AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

C. PARAS B.1 AND B.2 REFER TO US ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN SWAZILAND. WE WOULD RECALL, FIRST, THAT SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT MAKING REFUGEE ENVIRONMENT TOO APPEALING FOR FEAR OF ATTRACTING EVEN MORE REFUGEES. SECONDLY, WE NOT SURE WHAT LAST SENTENCE OF PARA B.1 MEANS WHEN IT SAYS "WE CAN PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT OF SWAZILAND ASSISTANCE  
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FROM AID FUNDS TO MAINTAIN THE REFUGEES DURING THEIR STAY IN THAT COUNTRY." EMBASSY WELCOMES PROSPECT THAT AID/OSARAC WOULD HENCEFORTH BE ABLE TO RESPOND QUICKLY AND BILATERALLY TO SWAZILAND'S REFUGEE-RELATED NEEDS. AS RECENTLY AS JUNE 10, HOWEVER, WASHINGTON (STATE 134975) RESTATED THAT U.S. POLICY IS TO "RECOGNIZE RESPONSIBILITY U.S. COMMUNITY FOR ADDRESSING

REQUIREMENTS OF REFUGEE POPULATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE." THIS QUOTATION WOULD SEEM TO REQUIRE CHANNELING AID ASSISTANCE THROUGH UNHCR AND OTHER MULTILATERAL AGENCIES.

D. RE PARAS B.1 AND B.2, KING AND GOVERNMENT MAKE POINT THAT SOME OTHER COUNTRIES (CITING UNITED KINGDOM AND ISREAL SPECIFICALLY) OPERATE WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSTITUTIONS. TO AVOID DIVERSIONARY ARGUMENT ON THIS POINT, SUGGEST USG STRESS IMPORTANCE OF REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS RATHER THAN CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENT.

3. REQUEST FOREGOING BE REVIEWED WITH AMBASSADOR NORLAND, CURRENTLY ACCESSIBLE THROUGH AF/S.  
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